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**DATE:** MARCH 24, 2017 **PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-BO-2017-CAC-0076 CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

**TITLE:** UNKNOWN SUBJECT: POTENTIAL THREAT TO EPA ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT VIA POSTCARD

### CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKOWN

## **VIOLATION(S):**

Title 18 U.S.C § 876 Mailing Threatening Communications

Title 18 U.S.C § 111 Assaulting, Resisting, Impeding or Intimidating Certain Officers or

**Employees** 

### **ALLEGATION:**

On March 15, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Washington Field Office (WFO), referred OIG hotline complaint number 2017-0160 to the Boston Field Office for investigation. This complaint was referred because of an unsolicited postcard with concerning rhetoric was sent to Administrator Scott Pruitt, EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC.

#### **FINDINGS:**

Upon examination of the postcard and rhetoric, statements such as, "Get out while you still can, Scott", "You are evil incarnite" and "you ignorant fuck" were hand written on the message portion of the postcard. Statements as such may not constitute a direct threat but are of concern to the Agency. The postcard is postmarked, "Boston, MA, 21 FEB 2017" and received in the Office of the Administrator on March 1, 2017. Also printed on the message side of the post card was the name of the image on the reverse side to be, "Symphony in Red" by James Abbott McNeill Whistler and the notation for the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA). It is unclear at this time of any conscience underlying message or significant meaning to the title of the image and

correlation to it being sent to Administrator Pruitt. There was no sender information or signature recorded on the postcard.

OI inquired with the United States (US) Postal Inspection Service of the (b) (7)(E) and was met with negative results.

OI inquired with the Security Operations, Department of Protective Services, MFA, Boston, MA of the possibility in determining the origin of sale and/or a purchaser of the postcard could be determined. OI was told the postcard is not sold through outside vendors and most likely purchased at the MFA. As for determining when or whom may have purchased the postcard, OI was met with negative results.

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and was met with negative results.

### **DISPOSITION:**

## (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

the facts of this case were not presented to the United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts for prosecutorial consideration.

Pending the discovery of new facts or evidence to support the violation(s) and/or identification of a subject(s) this case will be closed at this time.



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**DATE:** APRIL 18, 2017 **PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-CH-2017-CAC-0077 CROSS REFERENCE #: H/L 2017-0161

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

### CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Massillon, Ohio	

COMPLAINT: On March 15, 2017, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Chicago Field Office (CFO), initiated an investigation based upon information that (b) (6), (b) (7), Civilian, Massillon, Ohio, sent an obscene postcard to current EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS: Investigative activities consisting of an interview with (b) (6) failed to provide evidence sufficient for prosecution that (b) (6), was threatening Mr. Pruitt. Specifically, (b) (6) made no specific threat in the postcard and during the interview apologized and stated (b) made sure not threaten anyone. Additionally (b) (6), expressed no interest to travel to see Mr. Pruitt or cause him any physical harm.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The matter was presented to the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio who declined the matter. The EPA also made the decision to not issue a BAR notice against (b) (6), (b) (7). No further investigative activity remains and therefore, it is recommended that this investigation be closed

Attachments(s): None

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**DATE:** JULY 26, 2017 **PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0095 CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: INCIDENT AT MAYFLOWER HOTEL, WASHINGTON,

DC

## CASE CLOSING REPORT

<b>Subject</b> (s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	WASHINGTON D.C.	

#### **VIOLATION:**

DC Code-22-3302- Unlawful entry on property.

#### **ALLEGATION:**

On April 7, 2017, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), initiated a criminal investigation after receiving a complaint that two unknown protestors attempted to disrupt EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's speech during a closed conference held by the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington D.C.

### **FINDINGS:**

Concerning the allegation that the unidentified protestors violated DC Code-22-3302- Unlawful Entry on Property, there is sufficient evidence to support a finding that the unidentified individuals violated DC Code-22-3302- Unlawful Entry on Property.

On April 19th, 2017, during an interview with OI Special Agents, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Environmental Counsel of the States (ECOS) stated that the unidentified individuals who disrupted Administrator Pruitt's speech did not register for the event or pay the registration fee of \$700.00 to \$900.00 to attend the event.

#### **DISPOSITION:**

On May 8, 2017, the facts of the case were presented to the Misdemeanor Section, District of Columbia, United States Attorney's Office (USAO) for criminal violations of DC Code-22-3302- Unlawful entry on property. After being presented with the facts, the USAO declined prosecution due(b) (5), (b) (7)(E).

Based upon the foregoing and in consultation with the Office of Counsel, OIG EPA, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure.



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**DATE:** JUNE 05, 2017 **PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2016-CAC-0055 CROSS REFERENCE #: 2016-0131

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , FORMER EPA EMPLOYEE, UNUSUAL INTEREST IN EPA

ADMINISTRATOR

### CASE SUMMARY REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	WASHINGTON DC	N/A

#### COMPLAINT:

On March 18, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(c) Special Agent (SA), Criminal Investigations Division (CID), Administrator's Personal Security Detail (PSD), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), notified the EPA, Office of Inspector General (OIG), of an alleged threat regarding emails and phone calls of unusual interest and direction, directed at Regina McCarthy (McCarthy), Administrator, EPA. The calls and emails were from (b) (6), (b) (7)(c) former employee, EPA. In the context of the emails and phone calls, repeatedly stated that needed to speak to McCarthy regarding information possesses which will assist Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton's (Presidential Candidate Clinton) campaign. The communications were fielded by (b) (6), (b) (7)(c)

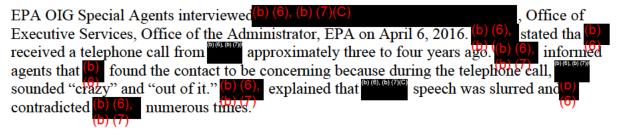
#### BACKGROUND:

Assistant Inspector General of Investigations (AIGI) Patrick Sullivan (Sullivan), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), EPA directed SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), OI, OIG, EPA, to initiate an investigation into whether posed a credible threat against Administrator McCarthy.

#### INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:

The investigation revealed that was previously employed by the EPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . During tenure with the EPA, was

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On March 17, 2016, called to speak to Administrator McCarthy regarding information that has allegedly possessed which will assist Presidential Candidate Clinton's campaign. In addition to information to assist Presidential Candidate Clinton's campaign. In addition to information to assist Presidential Candidate Clinton's campaign, requested that the EPA provide and pay for a lawyer, a cardiologist, a shopping trip in Georgetown, a flight to the DC area, and limo service from the airport.

This investigation revealed that did not threaten any specific person or threaten to harm any EPA facility. In addition, neither forms of nor any of former co-workers interviewed by EPA OIG Special Agents stated they felt threatened by

On December 12, 2016, the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) declined prosecution of regarding allegations of threats toward the EPA administrator and her staff.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The investigation revealed that the allegation that posed a credible threat against the EPA Administrator or her staff is not supported. However, if additional information is discovered, or provided by an outside source, OI will assess such information and take appropriate action.

This case is recommended for closure with no further investigatory action.



**DATE:** APRIL 26, 2017 **PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2015-CAC-0061 CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: POTENTIAL PERJURY BY FORMER CSB CHAIRMAN RAFAEL MOURE-

ERASO, SES, POLITICAL APPOINTEE

### CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
RAFAEL MOURE-ERASO, SES,	WASHINGTON, DC	
POLITICAL APPOINTEE		

#### VIOLATION:

18 U.S.C. §1621– Perjury

#### ALLEGATION:

On July 08, 2015, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee (HOGR) Chairman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) and Ranking Member Elijah Cummings (D-MD) referred former Chemical Safety Board (CSB) Chairman Rafael Moure-Eraso (Moure-Eraso) to the U.S. Attorney General to investigate whether he should be criminally prosecuted for making false statements to Congress. The criminal referral follows two HOGR hearings in June 2014 and March 2015, where Mr. Moure-Eraso contradicted other information provided to the Committee

#### FINDINGS:

On August 24, 2015, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7) and Special Agent in Charge (b) (6), (b) (7) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations, Office of Professional Responsibility presented investigative findings related to the Moure-Eraso referral to Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan Hooks, United Sates Attorney's Office, District of Columbia (USAODC) and Trial Attorney (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section (PIN). (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

#### DISPOSITION:

On March 16, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(c) PIN declined to prosecute the case, USAODC concurred with PIN's declination. Moure-Eraso is no longer a federal employee, therefore this case was not presented administratively.

Based upon the foregoing, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure.

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109 TW Alexander Drive Research Triangle Park, NC

**DATE:** June 16, 2017 **PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-RTP-2017-CFR-0052 CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , Security Officer, The Whitestone Group, Inc.

#### CASE CLOSING REPORT

_ Subject(s	) Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Research Triangle Park, NC	

NARRATIVE: The EPA OIG Hotline received a report (#2017-0085) of an apparent accidental discharge of a weapon by an EPA Contracted Security Guard occurring on January 10, 2017. The discharge occurred at the South Entrance Security Booth on the EPA Campus at Research Triangle Park (RTP), NC. No one was injured. The Security Guard, Officer (b) (6), (b) (7) (C), provided a statement to supervisors stating that be jacket waistband strap was caught in holster, and when adjusted jacket the waistband strap pulled the trigger causing the discharge. (b) (6), (c) supervisors provided statements confirming that the waistband strap was in the holster when they arrived shortly after the incident. When one of the supervisors safely removed the weapon from the holster noted that the slide was partially back and the spent casing was "stove-piped" in the chamber; therefore, the next round could not be fully chambered. A 2" divot was found on the floor and parts of the bullet and brass jacket were found in the area. The weapon was a 9mm Sig Sauer P226. The bullet was a Remington 9mm (b) (7)(E)

**FINDINGS**: Interviews of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (the only eye witness), the supervisors who responded to the incident, review of a video reenacting the incident, and the OIG function testing of the pistol support the initial reports that the incident was an accidental discharge.

Since a criminal act was not identified this incident was not presented to the U.S. Attorney's Office. As such, this investigation was solely administrative, therefore, a Final Summary Report with supporting documentation was provided to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM), RTP, for any administrative action deemed appropriate.

**DISPOSITION:** On April 10, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7) reported that (b) (6), was suspended from the EPA contract by The Whitestone Group pending the completion of the investigation.

[5] (6), (7) reported that (b) (6), was suspended from the EPA contract by The Whitestone Group while awaiting the results of the investigation.

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Immediately following the incident, The Whitestone Group initiated remedial training for every officer at on the contract to ensure that the officers' weapons were being holstered correctly and that the flaps on their jackets were secured properly. Additionally, based on this incident and other similar incidents that have occurred involving auto-lock, finger manipulation holsters, OARM is reviewing the statement of work to recommend equipment that prevent similar incidents for officers on The Whitestone Group contract.

This investigation was opened to determine the initial claims of an accidental discharge. The interviews and the function testing of the pistol proved this incident was an accidental discharge as opposed to weapons mishandling by (5), (6), therefore, this case is Closed.



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**DATE:** June 19, 2017 **PREPARED BY:** RAC (6), (6), (7)

CASE #: OI-DA-2017-CAC-0096 CROSS REFERENCE #: Hotline #2017-0215

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) TWITTER THREAT TO MURDER ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT

PRUITT AND SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL

#### CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)	Paragould, Arkansas	

VIOLATION(S): 18 U.S.C. § 875 (Interstate Communication) and 18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(2) (Influencing, Impeding, or Retaliating Against a Federal Official by Threatening)

ALLEGATION: On April 9, 2017, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington, D.C., discovered a threatening post on Twitter directed towards Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. The tweet was posted by (b) (6), (b) (7) (b) (6), (b) (7) (c), Paragould, Arkansas.

FINDINGS: On April 10, 2017, Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) (b) (6), (b) (7), OI, OIG, EPA, Dallas, Texas, coordinated this investigation with SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Littlerock, Arkansas.

On April 12, 2017, SA(b) (6), interviewed who admitted to posting the tweets in question regarding Senator McConnell and Administrator Pruitt on April 8, 2017. Stated was drinking while watching the Rachel Maddow show and posted the tweets as a flippant comment, not realizing at the time that they could be considered a threat. Administrator Pruitt in tweets because does not like Administrator Pruitt's record of suing the EPA. Stated was very sorry for actions and did not intend to threaten anyone.

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**DISPOSITION:** On April 10, 2017, SA (b) (6) presented this case to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Ali Ahmad, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas, for criminal prosecution. AUSA Ahmad declined prosecution under the aforementioned statutes (b) (7)(E), (b) (5)

This case is closed.



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DATE: June 22, 2016 PREPARED BY: Special Agent (6), (6), (7)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2014-ADM-0118 CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , REGION 8

### CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	1595 Wynkoop Street	
	Denver, CO 80202-1129	
Region 8		

**VIOLATION(s):** Ethics, an employee shall not engage in criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral or disgraceful conduct, or other conduct prejudicial to the government. 5 CFR735.203, 3 FAM 4139.14

## **ALLEGATION(s)**:

Allegations unethical conduct by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

FINDINGS:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On July 3, 2014, provided the following information via email:

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , is the with (b) (6), (c) (7)
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

  (c) (b) (6), (c) (d) (d), (d) (d), (e) (f), (

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The individuals in EPA Region 7 who did the fact finding:

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Region 7
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , Region 7
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EPA OIG Special Agents (b) (6), (b) (7) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
on July 8, 2014, and July 9, 2014, interviewed six witnesses in person and by
telephone. Memorandum of interviews were prepared. Some of the witnesses provided sworn
statements. These interviews confirmed the relationship between (b) (6), (b) (7)(c)
                                                                                 and (b) (6)
On July 8, 2014, (b) (6), (b) (
                                                                                   and Special
Agent (b) (6), (b) (7) , EPA, OIG, OI), interviewed (D) (b), (D) (7)(C)
                                                                         Region 8, EPA, regarding
                                                                         (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Region 8,
allegations that (b) (6), and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
EPA, were engaged in an inappropriate relationship possibly violating EPA Order 3120.1, Table of
Offenses & Penalties (7) (Conduct Which is Generally Criminal, Infamous, Dishonest, Immoral or
Notoriously Disgraceful), and 5 U.S.C. 2635.502 (a)(2) (Personal and Business Relationships).
(b) (6), signed a non-disclosure agreement, a Garrity Rights Advisement, and provided a sworn
statement.
b) (6), stated in the interview it was hard to say when (b) relationship with (b) (6),
first started talking in the fall of 2013. (b) (6), and (b) (6), saw each other at an office holiday
party and happy hour birthday party for a mutual friend. By the beginning of 2014, (6), was
interested in more than a platonic relationship with (b) (6)
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An additional six interviews were conducted on July 8, 2014, and July 9, 2014. The six interviews were:

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1) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , EP:A, Region 8
2) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , EPA, Region 8
3) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , EPA, Region 8
4) (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , EPA, Region 8
5) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , EPA, Region 8
6) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , EPA, Region 8
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The reporting agent elected not to do an electronic mail review due to the resignation of the subject.

## **DISPOSITION:** Subject Resigned.

On July 31, 2014, the EPA, OIG received and reviewed the Request for Personnel Action (SF-52) documenting (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) resignation as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Region 8, EPA. The Request for Personnel Action was provided by (b) (b), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Office of Administration and Resources Management, EPA. The Request for Personnel Action details that effective July 2014, (b) (6), resigned (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). No further investigative work was completed as a result of the (b) (6), resignation.